

An enormous amount of time and energy is devoted to community activity. Hundreds of thousands belong to the various service organizations and fraternal societies which meet regularly and engage in projects for raising funds for charitable purposes. One-third of all the wage earners and salaried workers in Canada belong to labour unions. Hundreds of thousands more belong to professional societies, civic associations, religious lay groups and various other private clubs connected with their vocation, their hobbies, their community or their church. There are, for instance, 275,000 parents of school-age children who are members of the parent-teacher movement to promote better understanding between home and school.

Social Benefits

Canadians today are healthier than at any period in their history and this is, no doubt, partly the result of a wide variety of provincial and federal social benefits. The nation has the second lowest death rate in the world and the sixth highest birth rate. In half a century the life expectancy for men has increased from 48 to 66 years and for women from 51 to 71 years.

Government social legislation is supplemented in two ways; by more than 500 privately-supported charitable institutions, and by private

- 1) A meal in a camp at the Lakehead
- 2) Canadian hospitals provide skilled nursing
- 3) School of Nursing, Ottawa Civic Hospital

